July 8, 1997

Dear Harold:

Thanks for your note, but I must say I found parts of it condescending and insulting. As sometimes happens, you jumped to conclusions without knowing what you were talking about. You claimed that whoever let me handle the shirt was in knowing violation of some contract. You are wrong. I made a written request of the appropriate officials and it was granted. You claim that the purpose was to sucker me. Wrong again.

You told me over the phone that I should consider the evidence. The shirt is evidence, a piece of evidence you have never seen, but you evinced no interest in what I saw. You simply started shouting that I didn't know what I was talking about. I didn't deal with my examination of the shirt in the story because it didn't belong there, not because I was afraid of being embarrassed by reporting what I saw. The hole in the shirt was not made by a surgeon's knife. It may be that it cannot be proven that it was a bullet hole. So what? That doesn't prove that it wasn't. Dr. Carrico could have been wrong. You could be wrong. You say you go by the evidence, but you don't. You accept the evidence that comports with your views, and you respond to evidence, testimonial and otherwise, that you don't like with sneers, shouts and ad hominem attacks. You cite FBI expert testimony when it suits your purpose. You denounce it when it doesn't. It sometimes seems to me that you have come to regard the Kennedy assassination as your personal sandbox. No one can get into it without your approval. You pretend to be objective about it. You are not.

Enclosed are copies of the Rankin release.

Sincerely,

George

P. S. I neither expect nor want a response.